

## Call for Applications:

### Dutch language-course in May-June 2024 for Graduate Students (tuition-free)

**Applications** are invited for a three-week Dutch course ("the summer course"). The course is free-of-charge; funding has been provided through the Taalunie (Union for the Dutch Language).

The course has two distinct sections, and students may apply to the first section (Modern Dutch for Reading Knowledge, via Zoom), and/or the second section (Early Modern Dutch/Paleography, in person at Columbia University, New York). Applicants are requested to clearly state which sections they are applying to, by stating it in **boldface** on the letter of purpose.

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 1, 2024**

#### Schedule:

##### two weeks of Modern Dutch for Reading Knowledge (through zoom)

week 1: Tuesday May 28 through Friday May 31

week 2: Monday June 3 through Thursday June 6

*both weeks 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 and 1:45 - 3:30 p.m (New York time)*

##### one week of 17th-century Dutch/paleography (in person at Columbia University, New York)

week 3: Monday June 10 through Thursday June 13

*morning session (printed texts): 9:30 - 12:00*

*afternoon session (paleography): 1:30 - 4:00*

## Descriptions of the courses and requirements for admission to each section

### Week I & II: Modern Dutch for Reading Knowledge

This section will cover reading strategies, grammar and vocabulary of modern Dutch.

*Open to all students with the equivalent of 2 semesters or more of Dutch (or 4 semesters of German) at the college level or equivalent. Applicants must submit evidence of sufficient competence in the language, and submit a letter of purpose explaining their reason for application. **Preference will be given to students enrolled in a PhD program, but M.A. students/Faculty members may apply as well.** Applicants who are unsure if their level of Dutch is satisfactory should contact Wijnie de Groot ([wed23@columbia.edu](mailto:wed23@columbia.edu)).*

**Week III: 17th-century Dutch texts/paleography workshop**

The workshop will cover reading strategies of 17th-century printed and handwritten texts. The paleography part of the week will be taught by Dr. Frans Blom of the University of Amsterdam.

*Open to all students with the equivalent of 3 semesters or more of Dutch or 2 full years of German at the college level or equivalent. Applicants must submit evidence of competence in the language. In addition, applicants must submit a letter of purpose explaining their reason for application.*

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**All applications, along with supporting documents, should be emailed before April 1, 2024 to Wijnie de Groot at [wed23@columbia.edu](mailto:wed23@columbia.edu). Inquiries should also be directed to Wijnie de Groot.**